





## MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

## Shipping.

Noon.—C. P. R. Co.'s steamer *Empress of China* leaves for Vancouver (B.C.), etc.

## Miscellaneous.

1 p.m.—Local Banks close.

Goods per *Arcton* appear undelivered after 2 p.m. this date landed.

## General Memoranda.

Thursday, October 25.—

9 p.m.—First Subscription Concert Messrs Marsh and Ward, in the St. George's Hall.

Goods per *Bayern* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Saturday, October 27.—

12.15 p.m.—Meeting of Members of the Hongkong Jockey Club, in the City Hall.

Monday, October 29.—

2.45 p.m.—Action of Household Furniture, at Wanching, the Peak, the Residence of Captain Carlyle, A.O.D.

Goods per *Tanaka* undelivered before Noon, subject to rent.

Goods per *Arcton* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Thursday, November 1.—

Second call of 50 per share of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., due.

Final call of 50 cents on B. Sharon of the Overseas Freehold Mines, Limited, due.

## Opium Quotations.

HONGKONG, October 23, 1900.

New Pattern, cash	900
Old Pattern, cash	900
New Pattern, cash	967 1/2
Old Pattern, cash	967 1/2
New Malwa, credit	800/810
Old Malwa, credit	4/12
Low Year	4/12
Allowance, 4 months' sight	4/12
Old Malwa credit	85/9 0
Allowance, 4 months' sight	4/12
Persian, 4 months' sight	50/870
Allowance, 4 months' sight	—
Persian, 4 months' sight	—
Allowance, 4 months' sight	—

## Exchange.

HONGKONG, October 23, 1900.

On London	2 1/2
Bank, wire	2 1/2
On demand	2 1/2
30 days' sight	2 1/2
4 months' sight	2 1/2
Credit, 4 months' sight	2 1/2
On Paris	2 1/2
On demand	2 1/2
Credit, 4 months' sight	2 1/2
On Berlin—Dunant	2 1/2
On New York	51 1/2
On demand	51 1/2
Credit, 60 days' sight	52 1/2
On Bombay	108 1/2
On Calcutta	108 1/2
On Shanghai	158 1/2
On Hongkong	1 1/2
On demand	1 1/2
On Shanghai	71 1/2
On demand	71 1/2
30 days' sight, (private paper)	72 1/2
On Yokohama	3 1/2
On demand	3 1/2
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, (per tola)	\$50.25
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	\$8 0/10
Silver (per oz.)	302



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1907.

## BIRTH.

At the Kwansai Gaiuin, Kobe, on the 13th October, the Wife of Rev. S. H. WATSON, M.D., of a Daughter.

## MARRIAGES.

On the 13th Sept., at St. Gabriel's Church, Warwick Square, S.W., by the Rev. R. W. H. Acworth, assisted by the Rev. A. W. Yeatman, Guy WATKINSON, Clerk, some time H.B.M. Consul at Hankow, and of Deal, Kent, to Miss Mary, widow of Charles Murray Binny, late of Segeleles, and second daughter of Colonel R. H. Vetch, C.B., late Royal Engineers.

On the 12th Sept., at St. Joseph's Church, Montreal, Count LUNA TERNI, of GAZZANO, Lieutenant Royal Italian Navy, eldest son of Count Sforza Terni de Gregory, of Cremona, Lombardy, to WINIFRED ADELAIDE, only child of Francis E. Taylor, of the Imperial Maritime Customs, China.

## DEATH.

On the 15th Sept., at Brighton, WILLIAM CHARLES BEAUMONT MILNE, only son of the late Rev. W. C. Milne, L.M.S., Assistant Chinese Secretary to H.M.'s Legation, Peking.

The publication of this notice commenced at 6.25 p.m.

## The China Mail.

REGONST, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1900.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

## Submarine Mining of Belchers.

The following Government Notification was issued this afternoon:—Notice is hereby given that Submarine Mining work practice in the fairway of Belchers will take place on Tuesday and Thursday next, the 23rd and 25th instant. There will be no neutral obstruction to the Channel, as anything laid out will be at the bottom. Two boats will be anchored just outside the southern limits of the Channel for a few hours on each day.

## Football.

The Rugby Football season will open in Hongkong on Thursday, the 25th inst., when the Civilian will meet the Army and Navy combined. Play starts at 4.30 p.m. The following team will represent the Civilian:—Back—D. Wood; Three-Quarters—Grieve, Beattie, Howkins and A.N. Other; Half-backs—Cox and McMurtry (capt.); Forwards—Johnson, Halliwell, Bishop, Wilson, Clark, Sandford, Ardron and Noble. Referee—Mr A. F. Williamson. Civilian will play in Club Colours.

The most notable feature of the Scottish League football matches played up to now, Rangers, whom the Edinburgh Thistles defeated by four goals to one. The game was a fairly contested one, and up to half-time both teams had registered a point, but the Rangers were quite outplayed in the second half, during which period the Thistles scored three. What makes this defeat remarkable is the fact that it is only the second that the Rangers have sustained during three seasons. In 1893-4 they won outright all their Scottish League matches, scoring 70 goals against 18. Last season the Celtic were the only team to score more than 3-2.

## Queen's College Recreation Club.

A meeting of the Queen's College Cricket and Football Club (Present Boys) was held in I.C. Class-room on Saturday, the 6th October, when Mr Ralphs presided. The following officers were then elected:—President, Mr Ralphs; Committee, Solomon, J. A. Barrett, M. D. Siles, H. Fockers, F. Ellis, and Hung Kwok Leung. Cricket Captain, S. H. Ismail; Vice-Captain, G. Humphreys. Football Captain, J. Lawrence; Vice-Captain, E. Humphreys; Hon. Treasurer, Mr E. Ralphs; Hon. Secretary, M. S. Siles.

## Opium Smugglers on the French Mail.

Yesterday a party of excise officers and a European Constable went on board the French Mail steamer *Lux*, bound for Europe, with a warrant to search for smuggled opium. The excise officers found in the servants' quarters 59 skins and 13 tins containing 660 tins of prepared opium. They accordingly arrested two of the servants who appeared to be in charge of the contraband opium, and this led to a little difficulty. Captain Minchin refused to allow the officers to take the prisoners over the ship's side without a Magistrate's warrant for their arrest. He did not object to allow the opium to go ashore, and it was accordingly unshipped. Further action will likely be taken in the matter with a view to arresting the two servants when the *Lux* returns to Hongkong.

## The Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

It is reported that the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, for the further extension of its business, has decided to construct six more ocean steamers, each having a tonnage of 6,000. It is not yet known whether these steamers will be constructed at home or abroad. But it is conjectured that three or four of them will be ordered from England.

## Vessels at the Docks.—At Kowloon.

U.S.S. Monterey, Canton River, Gwalior, Adambast, Elita Nossack, Elektra, Don Juan de Austria, Chingto, Izumi Maru, Belgian King, Comagidina, Stanfield, Chagabala, Aberdeen, Queen Margaret.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

## Notes by the Way.

Cable communication with Annam and Tonkin via Saigon is interrupted.

The return of communicable diseases for the week ended 21st October shows—5 fatal cases of plague, 2 cases of diphtheria and 1 case of purpural fever.

Japanese telegrams report the foundation of the coast defence vessel *Katsuragi*, off Oshian, Iden Province, on 7th October. The vessel was built at Yokosuka in 1897. Her displacement was 1,532 tons, and she carried eleven guns.

The visit of the Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G., Captain Superintendent of Police, to Hongkong from the new territory was very brief. He returned to the border yesterday evening. The district in the vicinity of British territory is quiet.

## The English Mail.

The P. and O. mail steamer *Britannia*, connecting with the *Comandante* at Colombo, was delayed a day, on October 5, by the grounding of the steamer *Ennis* in the Suez Canal. Ten other vessels were delayed by the block.

## 40 Voyages.

The Douglas Steamship Company's steamer *Italian*, which arrived from Funchow this morning, was decorated rainbow fashion and attracted considerable attention. In the centre of the bunting were the figures 40, indicating that the decoration was in celebration of the completion of this number of trips. She looks good enough for another 400 runs.

## Captain Lambton, the Rejected of Newcastle.

Newcastle will have none of the Liberals. Poor John Marley got his quarters there and had to seek comfort in Montreal. Burghs, and now Captain the Hon. H. Lambton, formerly of H.M.S. *Powderful* on this station, who sought a seat in the House of Commons to hail authenticity at the War Office, is found at the bottom of the poll at Newcastle, being in a minority of 4,600.

## Gamblers Again.

Two raids were made on gamblers yesterday. Inspector Ford and a party of police visited a house at 23 Cross Street, Wanchai, and arrested eleven men gambling. The first two were to-day fined \$15 each, with the alternative of imprisonment with hard labour for a month, for being keepers of a common gambling-house. The others were fined \$3 each, with the option of imprisonment for six months.

## The Art Journal.

In view of the absorbing interest that is being taken in the war in South Africa, it seems especially appropriate that *The Art Journal* (the Christmas Number of *The Art Journal*) for 1900, which will be published next month, should be devoted to the work of War Artists in South Africa. By the courtesy of the Proprietors of the leading illustrated papers a selection of fifty reproductions of original drawings will be found in the publication, including four Rembrandt photographs extra plates. Among the many well-known Artists whose work will appear will be found Canon Woodville, W. B. Wollas, John Charlton, W. T. Maud, Melton Prior, General Baden-Powell, Mortimer Menpes, Frank Dault, Frank Cowley, Dudley Hardy, W. Hatherall, E. Fryer, and others. As an artistic souvenir of the Campaign, this work should be invaluable.

## Hongkong Sanitary Board.

The Sanitary Board will meet on Thursday afternoon, when the questions of the Inspector's quarters at Kennedy-Gown and the proposed cattle crematorium will be discussed. The reply of the Colonial Secretary to Mr Osborne's query as to the shelving of the resolution to provide a refuse destructor will also come up for discussion. Dr Hartigan, in accordance with previous notice, will move: (1) That the Board having noticed that it is the intention of the Government to construct a new market for the Western district, and that the Government have approved of the erection of a "Plague Hospital" in the same district, the Board request that the plans, etc., of such new buildings be submitted to them for suggestion. (2) That in future the plans of all buildings which when completed are under the Board management, such as markets, etc., or such as have a direct connection with the health of the Colony such as infectious hospitals, public conveniences, etc., may be submitted to the Board by the Government.

## Bad Complexions often come from Coffee Drinking.

Peasby Skin on Ladies' Cheeks can be had only from good blood. Peasby Cereal Food makes red blood. For Sale at Mutual Stores, H. Robinson and H. Tai.

## Steamer '4' Roses.

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## TELEGRAMS.

## [REVENUE SERVICE.]

## GENERAL BULLER RETURNS TO ENGLAND.

General Buller has embarked at Durban for England.

## FRANCE.

The responsible Paris newspapers discourage Kruger demonstrations.

## THE UNITED STATES AND THE TRANSVAAL PRISONERS.

Mr. Choate has been instructed to ask for the transference to a more salubrious place, or for the release on parole, of any Irish-American imprisoned in Ceylon.

## THE LIBERAL PARTY.

The Imperial Liberal Council has adopted resolutions calling for a re-organisation of the Party on an Imperial basis and a disavowal of *Little Englanders*.

## The Inter-Port Rifle Match.

The date for the Inter-Port Rifle Match has not yet been definitely fixed, but it is probable that it will take place either on the 10th or 12th of November. We notice that Gunner Phillips, of the Singapore Volunteer Artillery, having returned from England, put on a score of 102 out of a possible 103 at his first practice shoot. The shots were registered as follows:—

200 yds.—515505=33

300 yds.—515505=35

400 yds.—515505=34

102

Some little difficulty is experienced at Singapore with regard to obtaining practice. The Volunteer range being in process of reconstruction is closed to all firing till about a month hence, and an enquiry is being held as to the safety of the Tangle rifle range.

## An Argumentative Seaman.

John Herman, seaman, was charged at the Magistrate's today, with assault. It seems that he had been out enjoying himself with one of his mates last night. They visited a drinking saloon, and a prisoner got rather more drunk than was good for him. When they turned in for the night, prisoner insisted on arguing, and comparing his merits as a seaman with those of his companion. He was, of course, in his own opinion, the best bar-oo-oo at his calling. His companion, thinking the other sleeper would be disturbed, told prisoner gently to be quiet and let other people get a sleep. This enraged Herman, and he drew his 'fives' across his mate's face and injured one of his eyes. Mr. Macleay inflicted a fine of five shillings, with a month's imprisonment to keep the peace for six months.

## A Good Lesson to Scallywags.

Yesterday, a street rough, one of the lower class, fished and hooked a couple of respectable Chinese girls. This is a common practice with these scallywags, but the girls as a rule pay no attention to the remarks and get out of the way as quickly as possible. In this case, however, one of the girls resisted the interference and prisoner stepped her in the face. The girl commenced to cry and her tormentor followed her and her companion along the street abusing them with his tongue in a shameful manner. A crowd of his kindred joined in the disgraceful and cowardly proceedings. An Indian Constable was attracted by the noise and succeeded in arresting the ringleader. He was brought up at the Magistrate's today, and Mr. Hazlewood sentenced him to pay a fine of \$40 for the assault and another of \$5 for the abuse, or suffer 28 days' imprisonment with hard labour. In addition to this, prisoner was bound over in a personal bond of \$100 to keep the peace for six months.

## Ten Thousand Dollars Lost on the West River.

At about six o'clock on Sunday night, the steam launch *Wahwee* set out from Hongkong with the launch *Yee* in tow for Wanchow. The junk was full of kerosene, coal and iron. When near Lintin Island, on the Canton River, a heavy squall came on and the junk began to ship water. The roughness of the water caused her to roll heavily and throw her top cargo of oil overboard. The launch dropped the tow line. She picked it up, but it broke and as it was coming on dark and continued very squally, it was decided to run the launch to shelter at Lintin and leave the junk to drift till morning. The fifteen men on board the launch were accordingly taken off with difficulty and the launch made for Lintin. When daylight broke it was evident the launch went to look for the abandoned junk, but could not find her, nor even a trace of her. She is supposed either to have drifted away or sunk. The cargo on board is valued at close on \$10,000.

## A Sampan Accident.

The *Singapore Free Press* relates that on 10th October, about 4 p.m., four German artillerymen found an unoccupied sampan somewhere near Johnston's Pier. They jumped into it and pulled out into the harbour, intending to row out to their ship. After rowing a good distance they appeared to have lost their bearings, for they drifted about until 11 p.m., when the sampan capsized. The occupants were thrown into the water, but managed to cling to the overturned boat. Then one of the men uttered a shout, and the others followed him, and the boat until their cries for help attracted the attention of some men on the German transport *Arcton*, who rescued them from their perilous position. Marton, however, has not been heard of since.

## UNDER CANVAS.

## By Corporal Jeggobury Jones, Jun., and his Father.

Kowloon, October 23.

Sunday in camp, notwithstanding the fact that a continuous stream of visitors were arriving and departing all day, was somehow or other, dreadfully dull. Even the circus troops did not succeed in livening matters up. Captain Orlich, who has captured a gross of sand fleas, passed the afternoon training them, with the intention of running them in opposition to the Alce Marsh and Ward concerts. Lieutenant Skinner seemed to be exercised in his mind as to whether inhumanity should be inflicted or be allowed to remain inert. At intervals, from Kirby's newly-discovered drill swamp, the musical bell of the bull-frog broke the monotony. This, and the return of the wounded from the football field, were the only incidents to disturb the solemn silence of the Sabbath. Conversation throughout the day was carried on in a muffled monotone, and even the higher, when sounding lights out, put a sort of involuntary veto on his diabolical machine. There were very few left to go to sleep, and those few were half way there already.

The mention of Kirby's drill swamp, reminds us of the fact that we have not yet referred to the immortal 'Ball Frog Parade,' where the guides and markers, the instructors and the instructed, all fell in, and their names were muffled. Mind all over them, from putties to helmet. The D Company instructor had a black-and-white patch from the right flank of his nose to well in the rear of his chest, and, while Captain Forbes stalked gravely on, although he did not drill his men in the haunt of the snipe and curlew, and thought that aquatic sports quite came within the range of the infantry man's acquisitions. The drill ground is considerably dry now, because the men on that first parade carried most of the mud away with them.

The notice boards all over the camp are a great convenience, as they enable a man in the day-time to find his way about, and, in the night, they are handy to hang on to. The hilarious members of the Corps, however, should leave them where they were originally placed and not shift them so that the Corps Museum becomes the Canton and the Field Battery the Rear Guard. This sort of thing confuses the more man and renders the temper of the Volunteer uncertain.

When the Orderly Officer went his rounds the other night, he sternly ordered that light. The light was hanging on a tree outside, so that, to all intents and purposes, it was already out, although the whimsical paradoxical fact remains that it was night. Oh, these late nights!

The canteen has been doing such good business that the Sergeant in charge has despatched his cook for a palatial residence in the Machine-Gun lines. Pa says, 'I'm not 'fraid 'a man stay in cook's', but, it is with extreme regret that we announce the fact, since borrowing that five dollars' worth of tickets from his dutiful son, the Autiquity has seldom been absent from the vicinity of the Canton, and, yesterday, a snap-shot took a rather lively—not to say lurid—picture of the old gentleman which will most assuredly not be on sale. Pa will have to be restrained.

Captain Saunders took A Machine Gun Company at Company Drill the other morning, with Sergt. Major Lammert acting as instructor. There was something out of gear in 'Right Form,' the two flanks seemed to double in on each other, but they got unmasked somehow, and no damage was done.

The man who can beat Kirby at yarning has not yet been invented. Last night, he was telling us of a Christmas, he spent somewhere on active service, Kitchener and Fitting and Buller were there, and they wanted a Christmas pudding. The gallant Sergeant was equal to the occasion. There was one bath tub in camp, a sort of family arrangement, used by everybody in turn when water could be procured, and Kirby mixed the pudding up in this. Heaters! when it was finished, it was discovered that there was no cloth to boil it in. What was to be done? Rendered desperate by the emergency, Kirby approached General Buller. 'Can you lend me something to boil the pudding in, sir? We haven't a cloth.' The General considered a moment, and then raked out an old singlet. 'There you are, my man,' he said. Kitchener remarked that the favour of that Christmas pudding would abide with him always.

The snorer last evening went off very well, but, although a certain amount of latitude may be allowed to the comic singer, we would advise one gentleman to keep a little nearer the bounds of propriety. Those who contributed were Lieut. Messop, Ictation and violin solo, Bomb. Grey, 'The Schoolmaster,' Gannet, Duncan, 'Rite solo,' Bomb. Brand, 'The Old Brigade,' Mr. Musket, 'The Frenchman' and 'The Inquest,' Mr. Macken, Comic Songs, Sergt. Nettray, 'Ever de Thine,' Sergt. Caldwell, comic song, Bomb. Duck, 'In the North Sea lived a Whale,' and Sergt. Major Lammert, accompanist.

A hearty competition took place recently in Camp, the prizes being awarded to Bombardier Doss, who ran in an easy winner from C Machine Gun Company's Goat and Sergeant Mackenzie. The goat might have had a chance had it not been discovered that it was burning the candle at both ends. Deas says that, to be born beautiful is the curse of mankind, or of the lucky few who are built that way, and exists more cheques than ugliness does. We sympathize with you, Doss; we were beautiful ourselves once, but it was years ago.

## JOGOLEBURY JONES JUN. + HIS PAI.

## LONDON LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, September 20.

## THE CHINESE PUZZLE.

In my last letter, I had occasion to comment on the fickleness of public interest. Then, China was the topic of the hour; now, Kruger's flight, recent developments in South Africa, and the general election have relegated China to a minor place. A flickering interest was excited by the publication of Dr. Morrison's two startling telegrams from Peking, dated 31st August.

These telegrams were regarded by most of the English newspapers as an *equus* of subtle Russian intrigue. For my part, I regarded them as unquestionably accurate statements of observed facts in Peking at the time the telegrams were despatched, but they were too bald to have a direct bearing on the political situation at that time. Nevertheless, Dr. Morrison has been so consistently accurate in his press statements and so faithful a censor of Russian dealings with China that it is not improbable that his allegations of Russian intrigue at the present juncture, behind the backs of the other Powers, may yet be found to be well founded. An idea of the view entertained in the City regarding these telegrams may be gathered from the remark of a gentleman well versed in Far Eastern affairs: 'Either Russia is playing a more than usually deep game, or Dr. Morrison has a box of sun.' Subsequent telegrams from the East would seem to warrant the assumption that the condemnation of Russia was too hasty, and to prove that Russia's expressed desire to reduce her military strength in Peking is being acted upon strictly in accordance with her declaration of policy. The present situation is puzzling to most people. I am still of opinion that Germany will play the leading part in solving the puzzle, and I will not be astonished if Germany's action leads to the rounding of the Chinese Empire; English common sense may aver partition, but the maintenance of China's territorial integrity will scarcely be justified, if the Powers allow this opportunity to pass to give the country a reformed government and to bring about the opening up of the country to foreign trade and commerce. Germany's ultimatum is welcome as the only definite declaration of policy, made by a leading Power.

## HONORABLE CHINESE REPRESENTATIVES.

Dr. Morrison, in one of his telegrams, gives expression in forcible language to the natural indignation felt by the Europeans in Peking when they learned that Lo Feng-hui in England and Wu Ting-fang in America were being 'received' by influential Society people while the fate of the bestial Europeans in the Chinese capital was still in doubt. Both Lo and Wu protested against Dr. Morrison's attitude upon the personal part they played during these anxious and trying weeks. It is conceivable that they did what they could to persuade the Peking officials that they were playing a foolish game and that they did what they could to save the foreign representatives and the threatened missionaries, and unless we know to the contrary that they acted falsely and sought to hoodwink the British and American Governments their conduct during that period of anxiety might well be forgotten. On the other hand, those of us who know the status of the representatives China sends to Foreign Courts may well wonder at the obsequious homage offered them by titled and wealthy foreigners. Wu Ting-fang, as a Hongkong man, is well known to you, and needs no comment. Lo Feng-hui is known only by reports, but if all one hears of his conduct towards the foreigners who fought for China against Japan is true, Great Britain might have been justified in refusing to receive him as Minister. This obsequious gentleman has managed to ingratiate himself in English Society to quite an extraordinary degree. He has just returned from the shooting in Scotland, having been the guest of 'Sir Charles Ross of Balmognair' at his forest home, Ardroy in Aberdeenshire. Is this the man Sir Charles Ross who visited China a year or two ago in connection with certain electrical enterprises? If so, Sir Chih Chen Lo Feng-hui's prospects in his alienating party is understandable.

## MISSIONARIES OF NO ACCOUNT.

A day or two ago, I was speaking to the editor of an evening paper about the news of the day.

'I assure you,' he said, 'the general public have already lost interest in Chinese affairs. So long as the tension was kept up by the silence from Peking, China was an excellent "draw," but as soon as we knew the Ministers were safe public attention was relaxed. What does the average man care for political readjustments in China? No, he cares for the time at least the interest in China is gone. There is no "thrill" in it.'

## THE GENERAL ELECTION.

Within the last few days Parliament has been dissolved, and by the time this reaches you most of the elections will be over. There is not much excitement. Liberals and Conservatives regard it as certain that the Unionist Government will be returned to power. The only interest lies in speculating upon the majority. Conservatives are confident that the balance in their favour will be as large as in 1895, namely, 132, but the Liberals hope to reduce it to between 60 and 100. How they can entertain such hopes I fail to conceive. As yet, in England, Scotland and Wales, there are no Liberal candidates in 187 constituencies; 84 constituencies are without Conservative candidates. Hongkong and the Far East is interested in some of the candidates. For instance, Mr W. Kewley, of the 'Muckle House,' who represents the Epsom Division of Surrey in the Conservative interest, is not likely to be opposed by Mr E. F. Alfred, who was the head of Messrs. Laidlaw, Matheson & Co. at Shanghai a year or two ago, opposed Lord Beaconsfield's nephew at Altrincham in Lancashire a year or two ago, and represented the late Sir W. Charles Brookes of Glenamole, the wealthy banker father-in-law







